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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announces the sentencing today of Edward Andrews, 37, of Richmond, Virginia. United States District Judge Henry E. Hudson sentenced Andrews to the maximum term of 30 months imprisonment for one count of mail fraud. In addition, Andrews was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$499,937.00.

Andrews was the owner and operator of AMA Enterprises, LLC, one of the organizations named on fraudulent invoices Robert Evans submitted during his tenure as an assistant in the Richmond City Manager's Office. From December 2000 through July 2003, Evans submitted over 49 bogus invoices totaling \$595,597.00 on behalf of AMA. In all, AMA was paid \$499,937.00 from the City of Richmond Capital Improvement Fund for work that was never completed. Andrews received a portion of the proceeds for his participation in the scheme. Evans was previously sentenced to 120 months imprisonment and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,134,840.30.

Mr. McNulty stated: "The sentence in this case sends a strong message - those who compromise the public trust for personal gain will pay a high price for doing so."

The case was investigated by agents of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation and the Richmond Police Department, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Gregg R. Nivala.

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